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SUBJECT: SIBERIAN MAMMOTH TISSUE

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1. ON MARCH 7 SCIENTIFIC SECRETARY OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. G. K. SCRYABIN, PRESENTED PACKAGE CONTAINING FROZEN FLESH OF SIBERIAN MAMMOTH TO SCICOUNS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO DR. ALLEN WILSON, DEPT. OF BIOCHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. ALSO PRESENT FROM THE SOVIET SIDE WAS ACADEMICIAN VLADIMIR SOKOLOV, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF EVOLUTIONARY MORPHOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF ANIMALS. SCRYABIN SPOKE FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES AND SCICOUNS MADE BRIEF REMARKS IN REPLY, STRESSING THAT RECEIPT OF MAMMOTH TISSUE IS ONE OF MANY TWO-WAY, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL EXCHANGES OF SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL AND INFORMATION BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR. (TEXT OF SCICOUNS REMARKS ARE BEING SENT TO VOA). ABOUT TWENTY SOVIET JOURNALISTS WERE PRESENT FOR THE CEREMONY, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOVIET RADIO AND TV. AP AND UPI WERE ONLY WESTERN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT.

2. LETTER ON THE MAMMOTH FROM ACADEMY VICE PRESIDENT  
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OVCHINNIKOV TO NAS PRESIDENT HANDLER BEING POUCHED TO EUR/SOV, REG. NO. 952724.

3. DEPT PLEASE PASS CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE TO LAWRENCE MITCHELL, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. TOON

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